## **SOCIAL and EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Social and Emotional Development Goal: Children use play as a vehicle to build relationships and to develop an appreciation for their own abilities and accomplishments. They learn how to interact positively with other people, form and value friendships, and express both positive and negative feelings appropriately.

SE1. Children demonstrate a pos	sitive sense of self.	
3 Year olds	4 Year Olds	5 Year Olds
SE1.1 Describe themselves using several basic characteristics.	SE1.1 Describe characteristics of self and others.	SE1.1 Accept likenesses and difference between self and others.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
• Tells friends that she is a girl and she likes to paint.	• Tells an adult that she and her friend both like horses and dogs, but he's a boy and she's a girl.	Says, "You're allergic to the bunny, so it's ok if you don't pet him."
• Tells adult that he is a big brother because they have a new baby at home.	• Tells a friend that he's taller than she is, but they are both 4 years old.	• Tells a friend that they can still play ball together even though she will use her wheelchair.
SE1.2 Demonstrate self direction by making simple choices among limited options.	SE1.2 Demonstrate self direction by making choices among peers, activities and materials.	SE1.2 Demonstrate initiative by making choices and accepting responsibilities.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
<ul> <li>Decides to go to the block center during center choice time.</li> </ul>	Decides to build an airport with blocks, gathers blocks needed and proceeds to build.	Does classroom "job" without reminders.
• Chooses to go to the book area alone to look at new books instead of playing in the dramatic play area with others.	Takes a friend's hand and says, "Let's be partners for the trip to the zoo."	• Chooses an activity because it interests him, rather than because his friends are doing it.

3 Year olds	4 Year Olds	5 Year Olds
SE1.3 Demonstrate confidence by	SE1.3 Demonstrate confidence by	SE1.3 Approach most new activities and tasks
participating in familiar classroom routines.	participating in most classroom activities.	with confidence.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
Puts coat on hook upon arriving at	Joins in small group activity with math	Shows a friend how to use the alphabet stamps
school.	manipulatives.	to write a note.
<ul> <li>Goes to sink area to wash hands before</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sings familiar songs during circle time.</li> </ul>	Shows excitement when the teacher announces
lunch.		a field trip to the post office.
SE1.4 Make known personal needs and	SE1.4 Stand up for rights much of the time.	SE1.4 Stand up for rights most of the time
desires.		without aggression.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
<ul> <li>Tells an adult when he doesn't have any</li> </ul>	Tells a friend that he is not done yet and she	Tells another child that it is his turn to kick the
more paint at the easel.	can have a turn when he is finished.	ball, she has already had a turn.
<ul> <li>Tells the teacher when she needs to use</li> </ul>	• Says to adult, "I didn't get any rhythm sticks	Tells a friend that she is in her chair, and
the bathroom.	when you passed them out."	politely requests that she move.
SE1.5 Respond to positive and negative	SE1.5 Respond respectfully to positive and	SE1.5 Respond respectfully to positive and
feedback from familiar adults.	negative feedback from adults most of the	negative feedback from adults.
	time.	
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
• Smiles when the adult commends him on	<ul> <li>Goes to get towels to wipe up water he</li> </ul>	Says, "Thank you" when the teacher tells him
completing the new puzzle.	spilled after the teacher tells him it is not safe for	that he really helped when he held the door open
	others.	for the class.
<ul> <li>Stops and listens when teacher reminds</li> </ul>	Rejoins group quickly when the teacher	Goes to talk with a friend after the teacher
her to walk when inside the building.	reminds her of field trip rules.	points out that she has hurt her friend's feelings.

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SE2 Children demonstrate self c	ontrol, respect and responsibility.	
3 Year olds	4 Year Olds	5 Year Olds
SE 2.1 Follow a few simple classroom routines and rules.	SE2.1 Follow classroom rules and procedures with reminders.	SE2.1 Follow classroom rules and procedures most of the time.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
• Tries to keep the sand inside the sand table after a reminder from the teacher.	Cleans up materials and goes to rug for circle time when adult strums autoharp.	• Stops self from running when entering the building.
<ul> <li>Puts book back on shelf when finished looking at it.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Washes hands and hangs up apron when finished painting at easel.</li> </ul>	• Completes small group activity and then selects a book to look at until lunch time.
SE2.2 Use classroom materials responsibly with modeling and guidance from adults.	SE2.2 Use classroom materials responsibly, most of the time.	SE2.2 Use classroom materials responsibly.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
Puts caps back on markers when reminded to do so or when an adult is modeling.	• Returns math counters to container after use.	• Rinses out water color brushes after completing a painting.
<ul> <li>Turns pages of books carefully most of the time.</li> </ul>	• Uses only hands to play bongo drum so the skin doesn't get broken.	• Looks for missing puzzle piece before returning puzzle to shelf.
SE2.3 Manage transitions positively when supported by an adult.	SE2.3 Manage transitions positively when told what to expect.	SE2.3 Manage transitions and adapt to changes in routine.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
<ul> <li>Separates from parent following goodbye routine planned by parent and teacher.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Accepts change in routine when adult explains that they will have a puppet show today.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Accepts change in pick-up routine when told by familiar adult.</li> </ul>
• Looks at teacher for reassurance when a stranger enters the classroom.	Begins to clean up when familiar cue, such as clean-up song, is heard.	• Completes activity and puts away materials when given signal that work time ends in 10 minutes.

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SE2.4 Become increasingly aware of	SE2.4 Recognize effect on others of own	SE2.4 Anticipate and regulate behavior that may
behavior and its effects on others.	behavior most of the time .	result in negative reactions.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
<ul> <li>Listens to teacher explain that her</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stops teasing another child when she sees</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stops himself from grabbing and uses words to</li> </ul>
classmate is crying "because she got sand in	her start to cry.	respond to classmate who takes his ball.
her eyes when you threw the sand up in the		
air".		
<ul> <li>Smiles when classmate says thanks after</li> </ul>	Sees that classmate is frightened by loud	Stops talking and listens to the teacher's
he helps pick up the spilled puzzle pieces.	ghost noises he is making.	directions.
SE2.5 Use simple conflict resolution	SE2.5 Demonstrate with adult guidance simple	SE2.5 Attempt to solve social problems
techniques with adult modeling and	techniques to solve social problems.	independently, by negotiation, or with adult
facilitation.		help.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
<ul> <li>Goes to get adult to help when another</li> </ul>	• Tells friend he will set the timer, so she can	• Tells classmate that it is "fair" if they each have
child takes her doll.	have a turn to play at the water table, too.	the same number of markers.
<ul> <li>Uses words teacher supplied to tell a</li> </ul>	Sits down with adult and classmate to	Asks a classmate to trade geometric shapes so
classmate "I don't like that" after she has been	decide how to divide up the blocks so both can	that he can make a longer pattern.
pinched.	build.	

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SE3 Children express feelings an	d show concern for others.	
3 Year olds	4 Year Olds	5 Year Olds
SE3.1 Recognize own positive and negative feelings when an adult labels them.	SE3.1 Recognize own feelings and describe them some of the time.	SE3.1 Recognize own feelings and try to control them.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
• Nods and smiles when adult says, "It looks like you are happy riding on the tandem bike with your friend."	• Tells friend that he's excited because his aunt is coming to visit today.	• Goes over and kicks a ball on the play ground while saying "I'm so mad, I'm so mad".
• Answers "I'm mad" when adult says that she looks upset about about another child marking on her drawing.	• Asks teacher to let her sit beside her in circle time because she's missi.ng her mom.	• Tells adult she's really happy today because her friend is coming home with her after school.
SE3.2 Calm self after strong emotion with adult help.	SE3.2 Develop strategies to express strong emotion with adult help.	SE3.2 Use positive strategies to express strong emotion.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
• Accepts adult comfort to regain control after another child teases her.	• Plans to go get the play dough and pound it when she feels angry.	• Calms self down when angry and uses words to explain why most of the time.
• Goes to book center to look at book until he feels like rejoining class activity.	• Tells her friend that she is going to paint a picture for her dad because he lives far away now and she misses him.	• Jogs around the playground several times to calm down because he is feeling very excited about after school plans.

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SE3.3 Seek adult help to manage fears and	SE3.3 Express fears and concerns to familiar	SE3.3 Develop strategies with adult to manage
concerns.	adult.	fears and concerns.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
• Goes to stand by teacher when a child's	Tells the teacher that she is afraid of	Tells teacher that his dad said to try to whistle
parent brings the family dog into the	monsters just like in the book they read.	when he is afraid.
classroom.		
Looks to adult for reassurance when	• Explains that he is late today as he had a bad	Asks questions when she hears or sees
hearing a truck backfire while on a class walk.	dream last night and his dad stayed in his room	something that concerns her.
	with him for a while before he went back to	
	sleep.	
SE3.4 Show awareness of feelings of others	SE3.4 Show awareness and respond to feelings	SE3.4 Demonstrate empathy by responding to
with adult guidance and support.	of others with adult guidance and support.	feelings and needs of others.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
Pats classmate on the shoulder after	<ul> <li>Goes to talk to classmate who is upset</li> </ul>	• Gets the tape and tries to help a friend who is
teacher says that the classmate is feeling sad	because his dog is missing.	upset because his drawing was torn.
today.		
<ul> <li>Claps hands and smiles when child says</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Draws picture for child who is celebrating</li> </ul>	•Asks a classmate to come sit by her when others
her dad has come home from his trip.	birthday.	have excluded classmate.

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SE4 Children form healthy socia	l relationships.	
3 Year olds	4 Year Olds	5 Year Olds
SE4.1 Show interest in others by playing beside or briefly with one or more children.	SE4.1 Display emerging social skills of trying to take turns and talk with others during play.	SE4.1 Play cooperatively with one or more children.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
• Gets a dump truck from the shelf and sits	Tells classmate that he can use the	<ul> <li>Agrees to take role assigned by classmate</li> </ul>
down by a classmate who is loading blocks	magnifying glass next because she 's almost	when they are re-enacting trip to post office.
into another dump truck.	finished.	
<ul> <li>Tells children playing restaurant in the</li> </ul>	• Asks classmate if she wants him to get more	Asks two classmates to play hop scotch during
dramatic play center that she wants some	blocks so their building can be really tall.	outside time.
food.		
SE4.2 Show an interest in having a friend.	SE4.2 Develop friendship with one or two	SE4.2 Exhibit social skills to sustain a friendship.
SE4.2 Show an interest in having a friend.	SE4.2 Develop friendship with one or two preferred children.	SE4.2 Exhibit social skills to sustain a friendship.
Snapshots:	preferred children. Snapshots:	Snapshots:
	preferred children.	Snapshots:  Responds positively to play suggestions from
Snapshots:	preferred children. Snapshots:	Snapshots:
Snapshots:  • Holds hands with a classmate while	preferred children.  Snapshots:  Chooses friends who like to play the same	Snapshots:  Responds positively to play suggestions from
Snapshots:  • Holds hands with a classmate while walking around on the playground.	<ul><li>preferred children.</li><li>Snapshots:</li><li>Chooses friends who like to play the same things she prefers.</li></ul>	Snapshots:  Responds positively to play suggestions from special friends much of the time.
Snapshots:  • Holds hands with a classmate while walking around on the playground.  • Has a special friend that he seeks for	<ul> <li>preferred children.</li> <li>Snapshots:</li> <li>Chooses friends who like to play the same things she prefers.</li> <li>Excludes others some times when playing</li> </ul>	Snapshots:  Responds positively to play suggestions from special friends much of the time.  Wants to extend friendship to out of school
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<ul> <li>Snapshots:</li> <li>Holds hands with a classmate while walking around on the playground.</li> <li>Has a special friend that he seeks for most activities.</li> <li>SE4.3 Accept adult help to join play group.</li> <li>Snapshots:</li> <li>Follows teacher to dramatic play center and accepts role teacher suggests.</li> </ul>	preferred children.  Snapshots:  Chooses friends who like to play the same things she prefers.  Excludes others some times when playing with special friend.  SE4.3 Demonstrate strategies to join play group with adult support.  Snapshots:  Asks adult for a ball so she can join the group bouncing balls.	Snapshots:  Responds positively to play suggestions from special friends much of the time.  Wants to extend friendship to out of school time.  SE4.3 Demonstrate ability to join a group activity or game.  Snapshots:  Asks classmate how he can help in the project.
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SE4.4 Show growing awareness of group	SE4.4 Participate in group life of class.	SE4.4 Assume some responsibility for
life of class (sense of community)		contributing to the group life of class.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
<ul> <li>Notices that a classmate is absent during</li> </ul>	• Contributes to class story about field trip.	<ul> <li>Performs class job without complaint or</li> </ul>
circle time.		reminders.
<ul> <li>Sees that a friend is picking up the</li> </ul>	• Volunteers to bring in pinecones for science	<ul> <li>Draws self in class mural.</li> </ul>
blocks and goes over to help.	activity.	
SE4.5 Interact with familiar adults with	SE4.5 Interact easily with familiar adults by	SE4.5 Interact easily with familiar adults by
varying degrees of comfort.	engaging in conversations, responding to	showing affection, responding to questions,
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	questions and following direction.	initiating conversations and following directions.
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Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
Snapshots:  Responds when teacher greets them in	Snapshots:  Responds to the teacher's questions about	Snapshots:  Uses special class hand signal to say good-bye

## **Physical Development**

## PD 1. Gross Motor Development. Children increasingly move their bodies in ways that demonstrate control, balance, and coordination.

3 Year olds	4 Year Olds	5 Year Olds
PD1.1 Move with some balance and control while walking, running, jumping, marching and hopping.	PD1.1 Move with balance and control while walking, running, jumping, marching, hopping, and galloping.	PD1.1 Move with balance and control, varying speed, rhythm, gait, and direction.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
• Moves around classroom without bumping into furniture or other children.	Moves around classroom or playground on narrow paths, easily avoiding collisions.	• Moves through an obstacle course, forward and sideways, using a variety of movements with ease.
• Alternates feet when going up steps; coming down steps may still be one step at a time without alternating feet.	• Goes up and down steps alternating feet most of the time.	Goes up and down steps alternating feet.
Balances on one foot for few seconds	Balances on one foot for 5-7 seconds before	Balances on each foot alternately, using arms
before falling.	breaking into a hop.	outstretched for aid in balancing.
PD1.2 Coordinate movements to perform	PD1.2 Coordinate movements to perform more	PD1.2 Coordinate movements to perform variety
simple tasks.	complex tasks.	of tasks.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
Catches a large ball with arms stiffly	Catches a ball with arms bent at elbows to	<ul> <li>Moves body into position to catch ball, then</li> </ul>
extended.	adjust to direction ball is traveling.	throws in the right direction.
Throws a ball into a large basket.	• Throws a ball in right direction, aiming at a target with reasonable accuracy.	• Throws a ball overhand for 10-15 feet, with good accuracy.
Kicks a large ball in a forward direction.	Runs up to and kicks a soccer ball.	• Kicks a moving soccer ball using a smooth running step.
Pedals a tricycle around a flat surface,	Rides a "big wheel" or tricycle at varying	Begins to ride a two-wheeled bicycle with
steering widely around corners.	speeds, turning corners sharply.	training wheels.

PD2. Fine Motor Development: C	Children use their fingers and hands	
in ways that develop hand to eye	coordination, strength, control and	object manipulation.
PD2.1 Use strength and control to perform simple tasks.	PD2.1 Use strength and control to perform more complex tasks.	PD2.1 Use strength and control to accomplish a variety of skilled tasks.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
• Puts interlocking blocks together and takes them apart.	Puts together and pulls apart small interlocking blocks with relative ease.	• Constructs planned projects out of small interlocking blocks, table blocks and other building materials.
Manipulates play-dough, frequently leaning or rising to knees in order to use arm and shoulder muscles as well as those of hands.	• Shapes play-dough with tools such as cookie cutters and rolling pins as well as with fists and fingers.	• Sculpts play-dough into recognizable shapes, using variety of tools and techniques.
• Experiments with use of scissors, frequently bending or tearing paper rather than cutting.	Cuts along a line or around a large shape, often leaving a large margin.	Uses scissors to cut shapes and pictures, occasionally straying from the line.
• Tries to use a paper punch but needs adult assistance.	<ul> <li>Needs both hands to press down paper punch to make holes.</li> </ul>	Uses a paper punch without assistance.
PD2.2 Use hand-eye coordination to perform simple tasks.	PD2.2 Use hand-eye coordination to perform more complex tasks.	PD2.2 Use hand-eye coordination to perform wide variety of tasks.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
Turns large, knobbed puzzle piece different ways to find right fit.	• Fits 6-12 piece wooden puzzle into frame.	• Uses picture and shape clues to assemble 18-25 piece wooden or cardboard puzzle.
Builds a tall tower, 8-10 blocks high.	• Strings beads or lengths of straws onto a piece of yarn.	• Uses scissors, tape, stapler, and paper punch to create 3-D objects such as house or airplane.
PD2.3 Explore the use of various drawing tools.	PD2.3 Show beginning control of drawing and writing tools.	PD2.3 Use drawing and writing tools with some control and purpose.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
Uses large easel brushes, crayons, chalk and finger paint to create lines, circular shapes, or masses of color on paper.	• Uses markers, smaller brushes, and crayons to form circular, vertical, and horizontal lines into shapes that they name while drawing or after picture is completed.	• Uses a variety of drawing tools to make repeating patterns and to incorporate circular, vertical, horizontal, and diagonal lines into recognizable drawings.
<ul> <li>Holds a drawing or writing tool with a fisted grasp, sometimes switching hands or form of grasp.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Holds a drawing or writing tool with a pincer grasp, using other hand, fingers wide spread, to keep paper still.</li> </ul>	Holds a drawing or writing tool with a mature grasp, using preferred hand consistently with appropriate pressure.
• Forms irregular, wavy lines and labels them "writing" or " my name".	• Recognizes some letters of name and tries to form them, often going from bottom to top.	Prints letters in first name or copies alphabet or simple words (inconsistent size discrimination and left-right reversals are common.)

Health: Children use play and other activities as a means to understand healthy behavior.

overall personal health, physica	l fitness, and safety.	
3 Year olds	4 Year Olds	5 Year Olds
PD3.1 Perform simple self-care tasks.	PD3.1 Perform some self-care tasks independently.	PD3.1 Perform most self-care tasks independently.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
• Puts on and takes off some outside clothing (sweaters, jackets, hats, etc.).	• Puts on and takes off all clothing items (may get shoes on wrong foot and require assistance with tying laces and belts).	<ul> <li>Manages most clothing and almost all fasteners (may still need help with separating zipper and tying shoes).</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Pulls up pants after toileting (help frequently needed with zippers, belts and snaps.)</li> </ul>	Uses toilet independently with mastery of zippers and most buttons.	Takes care of toileting needs, asks for help only with suspenders or other complicated clothing.
• Feeds self at meals (frequently using fingers with spoon held in fisted grasp of other hand). Pours juice or milk from small pitcher into glass.	• Feeds self at meals, usually with fork held between thumb and fingers. Pours juice or milk without spilling (may need help opening paperwrapped food items).	• Feeds self, choosing fork or spoon as appropriate to type of food, spreads soft food onto crackers or bread with a knife, pours juice or milk without spilling.
PD3.2 Follow basic health rules with	PD3.2 Follow basic health rules most of the	PD3.2 Show understanding of and follow basic
reminders.	time.	health rules.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
Washes hands after toileting or before eating.	Tries different foods that are introduced by the teacher as nutritious, and discusses with classmates what "nutritious" means.	Participates in exercise activities willingly.
• Tries to blow into a tissue or wipe nose		Discusses why you should brush teeth after
when s/he has a cold.	Covers mouth when coughing or sneezing.     Willingly wears protective clothing when weather is bad.	eating and before bedtime.

PD3.3 Follow basic safety rules with	PD3.3 Follow basic safety rules most of the	PD3.3 Show understanding of and follow basic
reminders.	time.	safety rules.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
<ul> <li>Leaves the room only when given</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Carries pencils and scissors pointed</li> </ul>	• Remembers to put on seat belt when going home
permission to do so.	downwards to avoid accidents.	in a car.
<ul> <li>Holds someone's hand whenever walking</li> </ul>	Responds quickly when adult explains fire	Responds quickly to fire drill signal.
in parking lot or crossing street.	drill procedures.	Responds quickly to life drift signal.
<ul> <li>Knows some common safety rules that</li> </ul>		
have been discussed (i.e., "Don't run in front	<ul> <li>Discusses traffic safety as they engage in</li> </ul>	
of swings").	dramatic play or build block cities.	• Cleans up water on the floor to avoid an accident.
PD 3.4 Demonstrate adequate stamina for	PD3.4 Demonstrate adequate stamina and	PD3.4 Demonstrate adequate stamina and
typical activities.	strength for program activities.	strength for program activities.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
• Eats enough at meals to replenish energy.	<ul> <li>Enjoys active learning and almost always</li> </ul>	Challenges self to master new equipment and
	participates enthusiastically.	skills (i.e. climbing, swinging, jumping, etc.).
• Falls asleep easily at nap time and awakens	Shows pride in strength and ability to pick up	<ul> <li>Attends school regularly, rarely misses several</li> </ul>
with adequate energy.	or move large objects.	days in a row.
• May leave activity for brief rest but quickly		
recovers energy and rejoins.		

## **Approaches to Learning**

3 Year olds	4 Year Olds	5 Year Olds
AL 1.1 Learn about the properties and characteristics of materials and equipment through exploratory and imaginative play.	AL 1.1 Show creativity and imagination using materials in representational play.	AL 1.1 Show creativity and imagination in a variety of types of play including literacy and numeracy activities.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
• Places objects in the water table to see if they will sink or float.	• Uses two short cardboard tubes to make binoculars in the science center.	• Invites friends to come eat because he has prepared a pizza party from triangles cut out of red paper.
Builds block tower, when it topples over, rebuilds using different blocks.	• Uses play dough to fill muffin tins when "cooking" in the dramatic play center.	• Uses table blocks, small vehicles and figures to construct a map to explain to a friend how she gets to school.
AL 1.2 Demonstrate ability to identify and		AL 1.2 Demonstrate increasing ability to
take appropriate risks in play in order to learn new skills.	AL 1.2 Demonstrate increasing ability to identify and take appropriate risks in order to learn and demonstrate new skills.	identify and take appropriate risks in order to learn new knowledge and skills.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
Gets back on the tricycle after falling off.	• Asks the adult to come over to the climbing structure to spot him while he tries to go across the ladder.	• Tries to jump over a "pit" she has constructed outside.
• Puts another block on the tower, knowing it may cause the tower to fall.	• Volunteers to name all of the children in the circle.	• Decides to hold the classroom pet for the first time.

3 Year olds	4 Year Olds	5 Year Olds
AL 2.1 Prefer one familiar activity but will	AL 2.1 Show curiosity in an increasing	AL 2.1 Choose to participate in an
try others when encouraged by an adult or	variety of activities, tasks, and learning	increasing variety of activities, tasks and
peer.	centers.	learning centers.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
<ul> <li>Leaves the block area to go to the book</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Volunteers to look at the caterpillars to</li> </ul>	• Experiments with different art materials
center where the adult is reading a book	see if any have emerged from their chrysalis.	to make a self-portrait.
about trucks.		
<ul> <li>Plays at the water table, puzzle table, and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Asks for more yarn so he can see how</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Asks to join a group making a spaceship</li> </ul>
paints a picture during morning center time.	much it takes to go all around the room.	from recycled materials.
AL 2.2 Demonstrate eagerness and interest	AL 2.2 Demonstrate eagerness and interest	AL 2.2 Demonstrate eagerness and
as a learner by responding to what they	as a learner by questioning and adding	interest as a learner by questioning and
observe.	ideas.	adding ideas.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
<ul> <li>Talks about puddles and plans to go out</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Asks how water makes the wheel turn at</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Collects a variety of small objects to test</li> </ul>
and jump over them after a rain storm.	the water table.	if they are magnetic.
		Brings the picture encyclopedia to the
• Checks the animal's cage each morning	<ul> <li>Brings pipe cleaners to dramatic play so</li> </ul>	adult to learn why kittens are born with their
to see what the animal is doing.	the cat can have whiskers.	eyes closed.
	AL 2.3 Demonstrate delight or satisfaction	
	when completing a task, solving a problem,	
or making a discovery.	or making a discovery.	or making a discovery.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
• Smiles and exclaims, "I did it", after	Calls an adult over to see how she	• Offers to tie a friend's shoe because he
completing a new puzzle.	arranged all of the dishes in the cabinet.	has learned how to tie.
• Shows excitement when blue and yellow	• Expresses glee when he realizes the adult	Works happily with friend to reset the
paint turn into green paint after being mixed.	has stopped pushing and he is pumping	dominoes to fall over in sequence after
	himself on the swing.	seeing it work previously.

3 Year olds	4 Year Olds	5 Year Olds
AL 3.1 Show initiative in selecting and creating activities.	AL3.1 Demonstrate growing initiative in selecting and carrying out activities.	AL 3.1 Demonstrate initiative in planning, creating and carrying out activities.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
• Tells the adult that she wants to take the red truck outside and play.	• Looks for the hole-puncher, yarn, and paper needed to make a picture.	• Collects the plastic animals, blocks, and people figures for a zoo and builds in an appropriate size area.
• Decides to use the play dough to make a snake.	• Asks an adult for red paint to color the play dough because last week an adult made green play dough.	• Writes the letter "M" and draws an arch on a piece of paper to label the McDonald's Restaurant in the dramatic play area.
AL 3.2 Maintain interest in self selected		
activities and play.	AL 3.2 Show increasing ability to maintain	AL 3.2 Demonstrate ability to maintain
1 0	interest in self-selected activities and play	interest in self-selected activities, tasks and
	despite distractions and interruptions.	play despite distractions and interruptions
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
<ul> <li>Continues to paint at easel when friend</li> </ul>	Asks to leave a block structure standing	Puts away all the art materials, despite
talks about having a new toy.	so they can continue to play later.	others preparing to go outside.
<ul> <li>Continues to look at pictures in a book</li> </ul>	Continues to work on a puzzle even when	Persists in copying name until satisfied
when someone enters the room.	others have left the area.	with it.
AL 3.3 Show ability to focus attention on	AL 3.3 Show ability to focus attention for	AL 3.3 Show ability to focus attention for
favorite activities for brief periods of time	increasing variety of chosen tasks and	increasing variety of chosen tasks and
(5 – 10 minutes).	activities for short periods of time (10-20	activities for longer periods of time (20-30
	minutes).	minutes).
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
• Listens to a story with a small group of	<ul> <li>Works on a more difficult puzzle until it</li> </ul>	Watches the new gerbil eat and play on
children.	is complete.	the wheel in the cage and dictates a story about it.
<ul> <li>Plays with the pots and pans to cook</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Adds more and more colors to a painting</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continues project of choice, such as</li> </ul>
dinner.	until he achieves the look he wants.	working on a clay sculpture for several days or creating pictures to go with a story she has dictated to an adult.

3 Year olds	4 Year Olds	5 Year Olds
AL 4.1 Understand how to accomplish a	AL 4.1 Understand a task can be	
simple task.	accomplished through several steps.	AL 4.1 Demonstrate an increased ability to
		accomplish a task through a series of steps
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
		Tells friends that they need to put back
	<ul> <li>Gets clean paper and a smock before</li> </ul>	the blocks and cars and wash their hands
• Gets paper towel to clean up spill.	going to the easel to paint.	before they can have a snack.
		<ul> <li>Predicts whether items will be attracted to</li> </ul>
	• Takes a turn to care for a plant, gets a	a magnet, sorts items into "yes" and " no"
• Gets the container to put away markers	watering can, fills it with water, waters plant	piles, tests them on the magnet and then
after drawing.	and puts can away.	records the results.
AL 4.2 Organize actions and materials	AL 4.2 Demonstrate an increasing ability	AL 4.2 Demonstrate an increasing ability
needed for play in the learning	to organize actions and materials in the	to organize actions and materials in all
environment.	learning environment.	aspects of the learning environment.
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
• Carries the cows, pigs and horses over to	• Puts drawings in a cubby to take home.	<ul> <li>Puts unfinished book projects in cubby to</li> </ul>
play with in the toy barn.		work on the following day.
Brings a book to the house area to read to	Collects items in order to create a	• Finds worms and then gathers
a doll.	"library" for her friends.	information from picture books and
		materials to make a home for them.
AL 4.3 Follow through in completing	AL 4.3 Demonstrate an increasing ability	AL 4.3 Demonstrate an ability to follow
simple tasks and activities.	to follow through with tasks and activities.	through with tasks and activities.
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Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
Asks for more orange paint to finish	• Creates a "library" after collecting books,	<ul> <li>Completes the pictures for all of the</li> </ul>
painting the jack-o-lantern.	cards and a date stamp.	pages in a dictated book.
• Picks up paper snips from the cutting	• Gathers up all of the drawings in her	<ul> <li>Creates a pattern with pattern blocks and</li> </ul>
project and puts them into the trash can.	cubbies at the end of the day to show to	copies it on paper to add to the class display.
	parents.	
AL 4.4 Seek help when encountering a	AL 4.4 Try to solve problems encountered	AL 4.4 Demonstrate increasing ability to
problem in play.	in play.	find more than one solution to a question,
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Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:
Seeks assistance after trying for several	Looks for a flat surface to build on after	Collects and tests several materials to see
minutes to put together a new puzzle.	the block tower falls over.	what will float best in the water table, and

Asks the teacher to get a ball that went over the fence.
 Gets a red crayon or pencil to finish the picture after the red marker runs dry.
 Suggests the use of glue to fix puzzle piece when tape doesn't work.

AL 5. Children extend their learning through the use of memory, reasoning,				
and problem-solving skills.	•			
3 Year olds	4 Year Olds	5 Year Olds		
AL 5.1 Talk about prior events and personal experiences.	AL 5.1 Represent prior events and personal experiences in one or more ways.	AL 5.1 Communicate about prior events and personal experiences in a variety of ways.		
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:		
• Tells a friend about a pet giving birth.	• Creates animals with clay after a trip to the zoo.	• Dictates a sentence to go with painting about new home.		
• Reminds an adult that he is going home early because his grandmother is coming.	Plays " drive- thru" after a trip to     McDonalds.	Tells friends about going to ballet class and demonstrates what she learned.		
AL 5.2 Use prior knowledge to understand new experiences.	AL 5.2 Demonstrate increasing ability to use prior knowledge to understand new experiences.	AL 5.2 Use prior knowledge to understand new experiences.		
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:		
• Recognizes a friend's mom is pregnant after her own mom recently had a baby.	• Tells friends that the ice on the sliding board is just like the "hard water" in his puppy's dish that morning.	• Creates a red-green pattern with colored cubes after the class made one with red and green leaves on the calendar.		
• Pours water on "Jack's Magic Beans" on the window sill and says, "That's what my grandpa does to his beans".	• Tries to fold the paper and cut a heart shape because "that's how my mama showed me."	• Tells a friend not to add so much water to the sandbox or the sandcastle will melt, "just like at the beach."		
AL 5.3 Seek explanations for events or personal relationships.	AL 5.3 Reason about events, relationships, or problems.	AL 5.3 Demonstrate ability to reason about more complex events, problems, or relationships.		
Snapshots:	Snapshots:	Snapshots:		
• Says to another child, "You have to be my school friend because you don't come to my house."	Tells a friend that his block tower fell down because the blocks on the bottom were too small.	• Explains that she can't walk to the post office in the rain because her coat does not have a hood.		
• Says it must be his birthday because there is a candle on the cupcake.	Says that the new child with the same name must start it with the same letter.	• Shows a picture of a spring bird and says that it must be a male because, in nature, they are usually more colorful than females.		
AL 5.4 Predict possible outcomes related to cause and effect.	AL 5.4 Demonstrate growing ability to predict possible outcomes based on prior experiences and knowledge.	AL 5.4 Demonstrate growing ability to predict possible outcomes based on prior experiences and knowledge.		
<ul> <li>Calls "STOP" to his friend so she won't step in the spilled water.</li> <li>Warns the adult not to touch the top of the block structure or it will collapse.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Predicts the end of the story when hearing it for the first time.</li> <li>Predicts that the largest pumpkin will weigh the most.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Predicts a squash will have seeds inside since a pumpkin does.</li> <li>Says he thinks that it will take 4 or 5 cups of water to fill up the large jar.</li> </ul>		